

LOCAL FOOD, FARMS, AND JOBS ACT

The Local Food, Farms, and Jobs Act (Act) was enacted in 2017 and amended in 2019 to create, strengthen, and expand local farm and food economies throughout the state.

The Act requires institutions to set a goal of at least 20% of their purchase of food products to be spent on local food.

It also requires institutions to complete a reporting form, created by the Arkansas Department of Agriculture, on their local food procurement budget on a yearly basis.

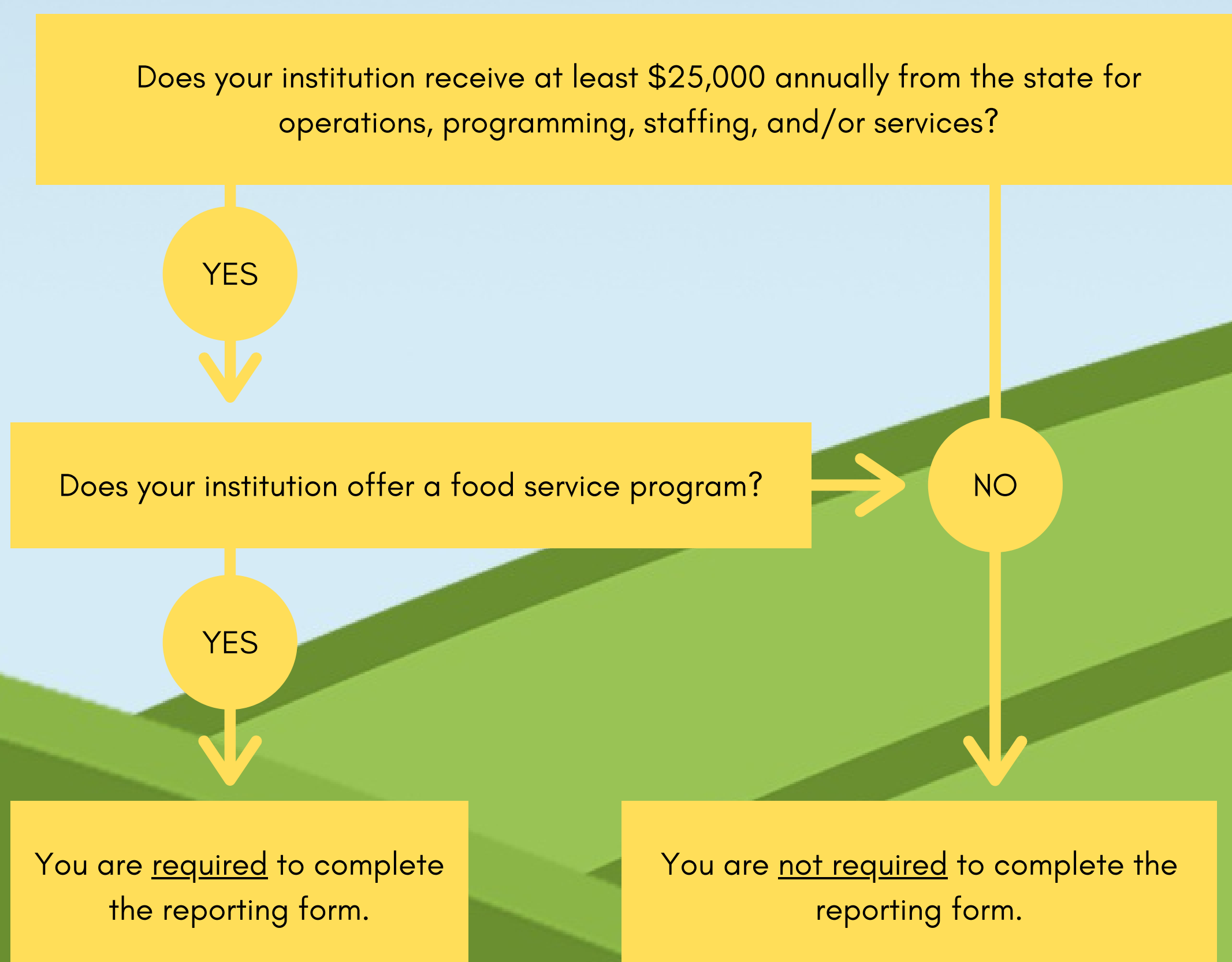
DEFINITIONS

Institution: Institute of higher education, child care facility, state agency or other entity of the state, and others such as after-school programs, libraries, prisons, senior care centers, etc.

Local Food: Food products that are grown in Arkansas and/or packaged and processed in Arkansas.

- Food packaging is the enclosing of food for transport, storage, and retail sale. Ex: enclosing, bagging, etc.
- Food processing is the alteration of food from its natural raw state. Ex: washing, cutting, etc.

INSTITUTION ELIGIBILITY



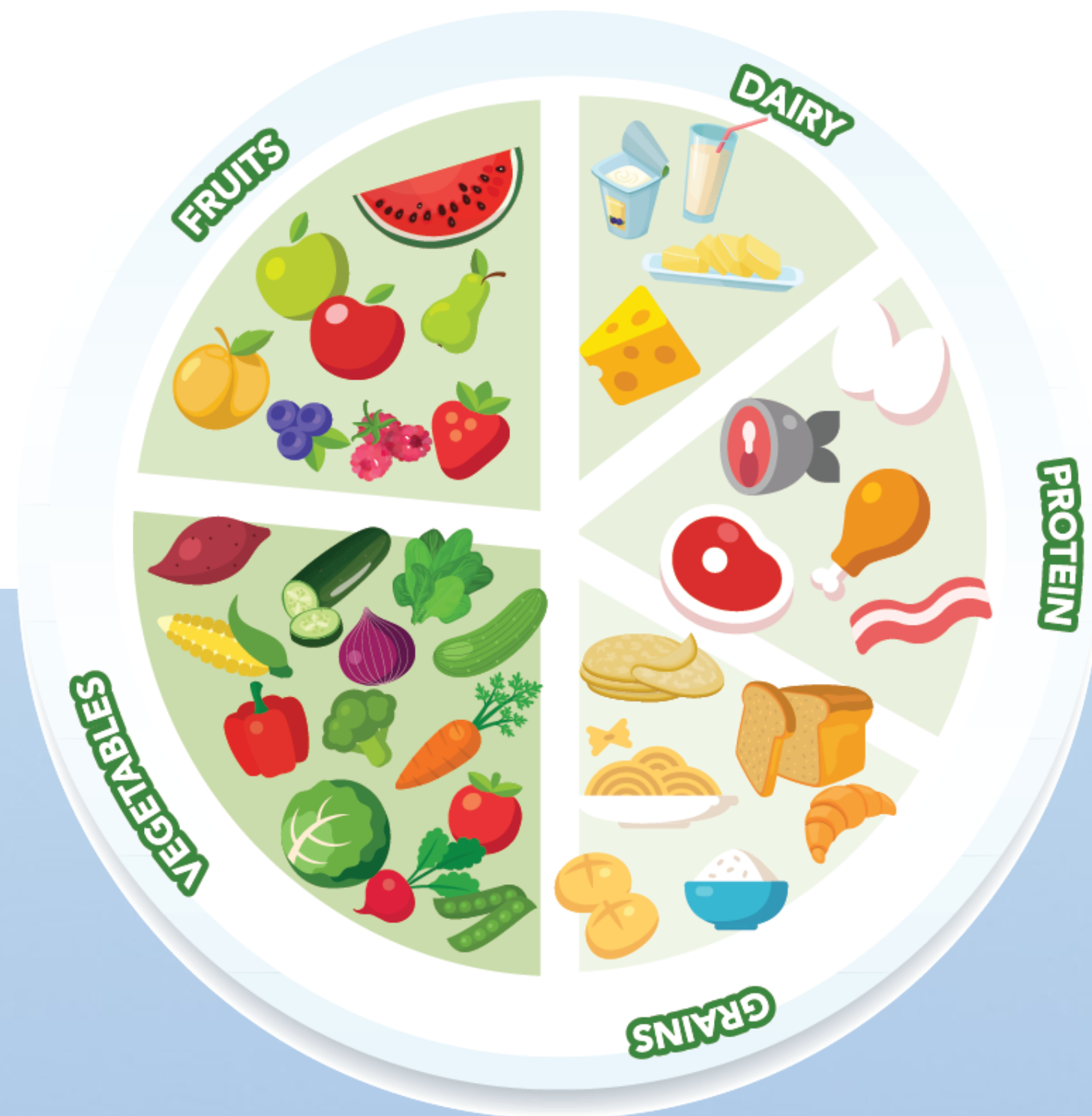
August 2, 2021
**REPORTING FORM
OPENS**

August 19, 2021
**ACT Q&A
WEBINAR**

October 1, 2021
**REPORTING FORM
CLOSES**

LOCAL FOOD ELIGIBILITY

Local food products can be fruit, vegetables, grains, protein, and/or dairy.



Where do you buy your institution's food?

FARM & FARMERS MARKET

Is the food grown within the state of Arkansas?

NO

Do not report this as local food.

YES

Yes, report this as local food.

YES

Yes, report this as local food.

DISTRIBUTOR & FOOD HUB & GROCERY STORE

Does the food have an Arkansas Grown or Arkansas Made logo on the packaging?

NO

When you ask your contact "is this local food" what do they say?

YES

Yes, report this as local food.

NO

Do not report this as local food.

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Questions? We're here to help. Email LFFJAHelp@arkansas.gov.

